

Judge Refuses Delay in Trials Of Profiteers

Howe Raises Bail in Several Cases and Orders Lawyers for Absentees to Have Them Return to the City

Refuses Time Extensions

Riley Has Plan to Enable Housewives to Buy Sugar Cheaply in Carload Lots

An open season for profiteers was virtually declared by Federal Judge Harland B. Howe yesterday, when seven defendants, indicted for violation of the Lever food control act, were called to plead. Absentees were notified through their attorneys that their trials would proceed without delay. In the cases of Hyman Resler and his wife, Judge Howe raised the bail from \$1,000 on the first indictment to \$10,000 in each case. The Reslers were held on a superseding indictment under \$5,000 bail on the charge of bribing W. A. Nicolett, one of Armin W. Riley's "Flying Squadron."

When the Reslers were called to plead to the superseding indictment Judge Howe asked Maxwell S. Mattuck, Assistant United States Attorney in charge of anti-profiteering prosecutions, what was the bail in the first case. Mr. Mattuck replied that it was \$1,000.

"That will not do," said Judge Howe. "We must put these cases under heavy bail."

Held on Bribery Charge

The Reslers, who conduct a store at 714 Mulberry Street, are accused of profiteering in sugar. Nicolett is under \$25,000 bail on an indictment charging that he had bribed Judge Howe directed that their trial be set for next Wednesday.

The next case was that of John McElroy, under indictment for profiteering in potatoes. Attorney John Sammon, who presented McElroy, told Judge Howe that his client was out of town, but would be at the Saratoga races.

"I don't care for the races," said Judge Howe. "Bring him here Monday."

Morris Spurt, out on \$3,000 bail under indictment charging that he made a profit of from 7 to 8 cents in a 50,000-pound sugar deal, had his bail raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and was given a week to change his plea.

Further Delay Refused

Judge Howe refused to grant C. W. and C. A. Kimball, held on a potato profiteering charge, two weeks extension of time to plead and ordered that they be brought in next Monday. The Ruston-Beckert Company and Andrew Ruston, indicted for profiteering in sugar, were ordered to plead today.

Mr. Riley yesterday told Mrs. Louise Reed Welzmilller, Deputy Commissioner of Public Markets, that if the housewives of New York can get together and buy sugar in carload lots, he can obtain it for them with a guarantee of no excessive profit and on the same basis as that upon which the canners are supplied. Mrs. Welzmilller said that if groups of women in this city can be organized she can obtain the sugar for them in carload lots. The sugar is packed in 110-pound sacks and there are from 400 to 800 bags in each car.

Summons Law Revived For Minor Infractions

Police to Decide if Prisoner Shall Be Locked Up or Answer Charge Later

Instructions were sent to city magistrates yesterday by Chief Magistrate McAdoo and to police captains by Police Commissioner Enright to utilize, for the rest of the summer at least, a law passed in 1918 which encourages the issuance of summonses for minor infractions of the law instead of placing the alleged offenders under arrest. The law leaves it to the discretion of the police lieutenant whether prisoners charged with illicit spitting or smoking, craps shooting and offences of like gravity shall be locked up or receive summonses ordering them to answer the charge the next day in

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Picnic Crowd Sees Two Girls Drown

Youth Dragged Under in Attempting Rescue; 2 Other Bathers Are Lost

Miss Nellie Holster, seventeen, of Passaic, N. J., and Miss Ida Donkersloot, twenty, of Clifton, were drowned in Verona Lake, Verona, N. J., yesterday while men and women who were attending the picnic of the First Holland Reformed Church of Passaic looked on.

The girls walked out into the water until it was breast deep and then stepped into a hole. Roloch Holster, a cousin of the younger girl, tried to save them and was dragged under. Charles Truett rescued him. The bodies were taken to Martinside Hospital, where all efforts to revive them failed.

In Hackensack Matthew Proski, fifteen, of 364 St. Paul's Avenue, was drowned while swimming in the Hackensack River. The body was not recovered.

Thomas McGann, thirty, a member of the New York Athletic Club, was swimming in Woodcliff Channel, at Freeport, Long Island, yesterday, when he sank without warning, probably from cramps. His body was recovered.

Seeks Divorce From Wife Who Quit Him in 2 Weeks

George W. Nichols, of Maspeth, L. I., appeared in the Brooklyn Supreme Court yesterday with a tale of marital woe and a request for permission to serve his wife, Mrs. Katherine E. Nichols, with notice of trial for divorce by publication.

He said that they were married on May 31, 1919. On June 14, he alleges, she went away and never came back. When she left, he says, she told him she had heard that her mother was ill in Darby, Pa. When she did not return, her husband alleges, he investigated and found that his mother-in-law was in excellent health. Later he says, he received two letters from Mrs. Nichols. One of them said in part, according to him:

"I have a better chance and I am going to take it. I am sorry to let you know, but I will not be back."

In the other letter, he says, occurred this passage:

"Goodbye forever. I guess you will be surprised to hear from me as I am going away and do not want you to bother me again."

Nichols charges that he found his wife living in Chester, Pa., with another man. Justice Van Selen took the order under advisement.

Girl, 10, in Starchy Frills, Dives to Save Little Darky

In Her Sunday Best She Plunges Off Pier to Rescue Boy Who Had Fallen Into River "Showing Off" to Gain Her Favor; Many Witness Near Tragedy

Passengers on a suburban train of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which left the Grand Central Station at 5:45 p. m., yesterday, and was stalled at the Harlem River by an accident to a third-rail shoe, became interested in a scene on a Harlem River pier at 132d Street during the delay.

On one side of the pier two little negroes, apparently about ten years old, were "showing off." They played leap frog, they stood on their heads, they played perilous tag around the bulkheads, they pummelled each other with shrill cries of mimic ferocity. The cause of their antics, a white girl of about the same age, dressed in her starchiest and frilliest best, sauntered up and down the opposite side of the pier, burdened with a blue parasol and an elaborate indifference to masculine maneuvers.

One of the contenders for her glances suddenly swung himself out on a taut hawser that led to the stern of a barge which the tide had swung out into the river's distance of about thirty feet. Hand over hand he began to fling himself along the hawser. His rival, however, seized the rope and began alternately to throw his weight upon it and strive to lift it.

Grip on Rope Grows Weaker

The result was that the boy on the rope soon found himself jogging up and down above the river, now almost touching it with his feet and now raised high above it. He kept on laboriously and managed to reach the barge. He was too exhausted, however, to pull himself up the steep slant of the rope to the stern, and began the return journey.

He was going more slowly now. Sev-

eral times he tried to throw a leg over the rope to rest his arms, but had not the strength to do so. Halfway between the barge and the pier he found that he could not remove one hand from the next grip without losing his hold with the other. He hung rigidly above the eddying surface of the stream, and the terror-stricken shine of his eyes was visible to the passengers on the train.

The little white girl, however, still was ostentatiously oblivious to the proceedings, strolling mincingly up and down, with her parasol cocked over one shoulder. Not so the little negro on the pier. With a single panicky glance at the immovable figure on the rope he took to his heels.

Girl Plunges Into River

The next moment his rival dropped, twitching and striving to recover his hold. At the splash and strangled cry the little white girl ran to the end of the pier, dropped her parasol and plunged, in all her starchy frills, into the river. She came up with the negro boy's head resting on her shoulder and a scattering cheer came from the head-crammed windows of the train.

Two men who heard the commotion ran on to the pier with a rope and soon hauled both children to safety. Meanwhile the passengers had been taking up a collection and presently a parcel, well wrapped in newspapers, thumped into the street at the feet of the barge. As the train moved the parcel in its way she clutched the wave of the hand to the departing cars and started up the street.

That is why two little negro boys, one wet and one dry, got home last night without a satisfactory explanation of their absence and why a little white girl, with Sunday frills virtually ruined, reached home carrying a well wrapped newspaper parcel which contained about \$75 in bills and silver, and a story that her parents may or may not have believed.

Mrs. De Cordova Killed While Defending Self

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came from New York to-day to remove his body. Geissler and his wife had a quarrel last October over her discovery of the photographs, Mrs. Geissler said. "I accidentally came upon two photographs of Mrs. De Cordova and a lock of hair among his effects," said Mrs. Geissler. "The hair was not mine, and, as I had had some experience in the hair business, I readily recognized that the lock had recently been cut. This led to a dispute between myself and my husband."

"Soon afterward I called up Mrs. De Cordova on the telephone at her home in New York. I told her I hoped she might help us to a reconciliation, as I wished to get along with Mr. Geissler and was planning that we should own a home together. What Mrs. De Cordova replied I will not repeat. I can only quote three proverbs. These are: 'A guilty conscience needs no accuser,' 'Still water runs deep' and 'Silence gives consent.'"

Husband Says Slayer Of Wife Was Insane

Arthur De Cordova, whose wife was murdered by her chauffeur Monday night near Stonington, Conn., made his first statement concerning the tragedy yesterday in this city. He was certain, he declared, that "Barney" Geissler, the chauffeur, was not sane. Mr. De Cordova also was able to explain the apparent evidence of a convivial party found in the car in which his wife met her death.

He said the whisky bottle found in the car belonged to him and that the cigarette butts found on the floor were thrown there by him on Sunday. He also denied that when the car left the Hotel Griswold, Mrs. Cordova was seated on the front seat beside the chauffeur.

"I would like," he said, "to clear up some details that have been published. As to the whisky bottle in the car, it

was mine. I always took a flask of whisky in the machine. I was driving Sunday and smoked a number of cigarettes, thus accounting for the stubs found."

"I have been assured by hotel employees that the story Mrs. De Cordova was sitting on the front seat when the machine left the Hotel Griswold is a mistake. The car was not a three-seated machine, as stated, but a five-passenger touring car with a victoria top. Mrs. De Cordova was in the tonneau when she left the hotel."

"Barney Geissler never drank, to my knowledge, and at times when I invited him to take a drink he declined because he said he drank nothing but beer. I am sure he drank some of the whisky from the bottle in the car, but his doing so is foreign to everything I knew of him."

"He always showed devotion to the whole family, but never exhibited the slightest familiarity toward any of us. The revolver with which he did the shooting belonged to him. My son tells me Barney told him on the way up to New London that he had a revolver offered to stop and get some blank cartridges to my son could use the revolver on the Fourth of July. My son declined, as he did not want to stop."

"I am positive Barney was mentally unbalanced. Three weeks ago I ordered him to bring the car at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and he was late. He excused this on the ground that he had to go to mass and would not miss his devotions. When he passed a church he would bless himself."

"I did not take these things seriously, nor his opinion that he could do anything better than any of us. He thought no mechanic could do so much with an automobile, no chauffeur drive so well as he, and showed many signs of exaggerated ego."

Harding Notification Train To Be Run in Two Sections

John J. Lyons, chairman of the New York City delegation which will participate in the notification ceremonies for Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican Presidential nominee, at Marion, Ohio, July 22, said yesterday that the demand for reservations had been so great that a second section of the special train will have to be made up to accommodate the delegation.

The train will leave Grand Central Station, on the New York Central, at 4:30 p. m. (standard time) on July 21, arriving at Marion at 7:30 o'clock the next morning. It will leave Marion at 4:30 p. m. on July 22, arriving in this city at 7:30 the following morning.

Physicians Deny Being Influenced By Hammer Verdict

Bronx Grand Jury Told No Operations Are Refused to Save Women's Lives Owing to Doctor's Trial

The July grand jury of the Bronx yesterday began consideration of the cases of numerous physicians in that borough, who, it was said, have refused to perform certain operations to save women's lives because of the outcome of the Dr. Julius Hammer case.

Dr. Hammer was recently convicted of manslaughter because he performed the operation in question on Mrs. Michael Ogonosoff, of 230 Riverside Drive, who died thereafter. After his conviction, protest was made by many physicians in the borough and a statement was issued in which certain doctors were quoted as saying that they were now afraid to perform certain delicate operations, even to save patients' lives, because of the verdict in the Hammer case.

Physicians examined yesterday by the grand jury denied that they had any knowledge of or were parties to the assertions credited to them in the statement issued.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session, the jury adjourned until next week. It first, however, subpoenaed for examination at that time a number of physicians who appeared yesterday but whose testimony was not heard.

Among yesterday's witnesses were Dr. Alexander Isaacson, of 1480 Crotona Park East; Dr. J. L. Rubenstein, of 1667 Washington Avenue; Dr. J. Lachowski, of 1485 Washington Avenue, and Dr. Bernard Antin, of 1225 Boston Road. Dr. William H. Handelsmann, of 1227 Union Avenue, also was summoned, but forwarded a certificate signed by Dr. H. Pike, of 1412 Crotona Avenue, saying he was indisposed.

Arch Slayer Sentenced in Berlin
BERLIN, July 14.—Schumann, characterized by the "Vossische Zeitung" as one of the cruelest and bloodiest murderers of all time, has been sentenced to death. The jury found him guilty of six murders, eleven attempted murders and a number of other atrocities.

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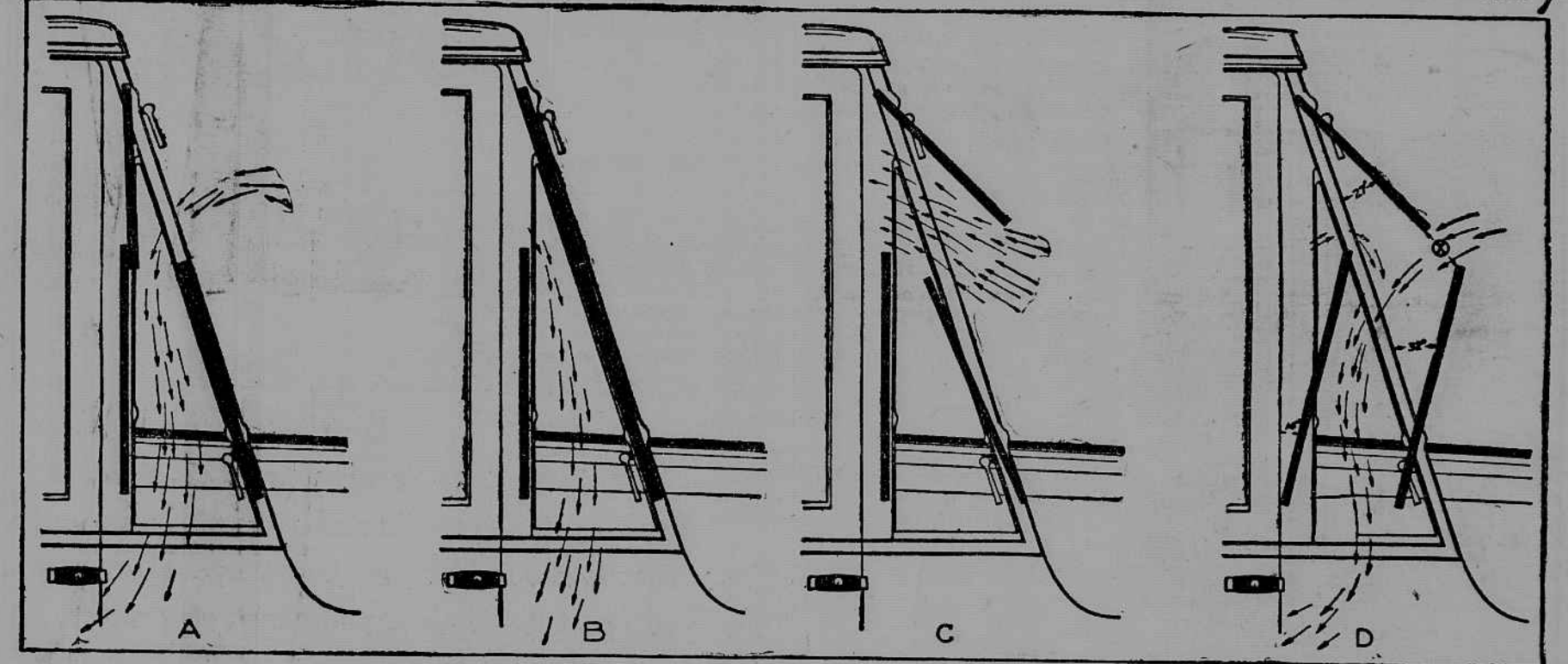
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